

Good morning,

We are full time residents here on mv and are direct abutters to the inn. Although we fully support the restaurant, the weddings continue to be a huge issue. We have 2 small children and the loud live music every event / wedding keeps them from sleeping and results in me calling the west tis police time and time again.

Kids bedtime is 7 pm and music blaring and DJ announcements till 10 pm is ridiculous in a residential neighborhood.

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Best,



**Matt Stedman**

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Stedman Construction Inc.

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Dear Esteemed Selectpersons,

I have no objection, per se, to the transfer of the Lambert's Cove Inn's liquor license to Jon and Stephanie Saunders. But, as you are very much aware, I am likely unalterably opposed to any expansion of the Inn, either physically or through additional venue activities.

The Saunders have stated that they want to be sensitive to the surrounding residential neighborhood and plan to engage much more with the community than John and Keya Cain have. But the Cains said exactly the same thing, and what that engagement yielded was, sadly, multiple battles with the neighborhood. The result of all this, and one hopes the Saunders are aware of it, is that the Cains are selling a non-conforming property that is now substantially more regulated by the Town than it was when they bought it. So much for productive community engagement.

There is no denying that the Inn has become an increasingly incompatible use with our neighborhood. This is not the time for more discussion of the many adverse impacts caused by the Inn. My sole purpose in writing to you now is the hope that you will emphasize to the Saunders that the Inn weighs heavily on the neighborhood, and that while the neighbors wish them success, they must recognize that that success cannot be translated into further burdens borne by the neighbors.

Sincerely,

Nick Puner  
25 Wintergreen Lane

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I read recently of a review for consideration for a liquor license for the Lambert's Cove Inn.

I am not an abutter, but I certainly am aware of events that happen at the Lambert's Cove Inn, as on almost every weekend, during wedding season, my evenings are filled with the musical celebrations of this already too much expanded facility. I, like many people in the Lambert's Cove area, enjoy the area's rural, wooded and secluded character. We chose to make our home here to enjoy this seclusion, and its accompanying, peace and quiet. I'm quite sure this tranquil setting is also one of the reasons guests have also picked the Inn for their stay. Yet on almost every weekend evening we are reminded of the Inn's expanding presence.

One of the delights of Vineyard living is enjoying the the outside of our homes. Many of us open our windows in the spring and summer. We may also sit outside after a long day and try to enjoy the evening, or make a sunset harvest in our gardens. In our attempts to enjoy the breeze as it rustles through the leaves, and the evening songs of the birds and insect's we are disrupted by the regular accompaniment of the Inn's music also rolling over the fields and forested hills.

The Inn profits at the expense of the entire area's ability to enjoy a peaceful evening. I can only imagine that adding a liquor license will add to the disruption. The intent of pre-existing, nonconforming use allowances is to ensure restrictions are not placed where rights had already existed. It would be unfair and disruptive to the entire neighborhood to expand and increase those allowances. Please don't.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hugh Phear  
18 Simran Rd  
West Tisbury

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Dear Board Members,

I write this email in support of Stephanie (and Jon) Saunders application for a liquor license in conjunction with their purchase of the Lambert Cove Inn. My remarks are based on my interactions with Stephanie and those she had with my family, in her capacity as LICSW with the Town of Cohasset Office of Elder Affairs.

To put my comments in their proper context, I am a decades-long visitor to Martha's Vineyard with ties to owners of other Island businesses, homeowners and non-profits, not the least of which is the Children's Memorial at the Edgartown Lighthouse, where a brick for my daughter has been in place for 10 years. I read about this application in the online edition of the Vineyard Gazette to which I subscribe and felt moved to write on Stephanie's behalf.

I reside on Long Island and was in need of advice regarding my Mother, who had recently moved to an assisted living community in Cohasset. As an outsider with little knowledge of local resources, calls to the Office of Elder affairs led me to Stephanie, for which I am grateful. Her assessment following meetings with my Mother, the care facility and other family members was astute, concise and realistic. Stephanie conveyed a keen eye in her ability to quickly synthesize people and personalities and their needs with great sensitivity and compassion. She impressed me as an extremely capable and responsible person. To the extent that these qualities are valued in the application before you, I share my perspective to support it.

Thank you for your time.

Warm Regards,  
Jody Cukier

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From: Dan & John Scherlis,  
  
on behalf of the Scherlis Family Nominee Trust  
  
89 & 91 Manaquayak Road  
  
West Tisbury, MA

To: Board of Selectmen  
  
West Tisbury, MA

**Re: “the application of LCI Hospitality LLC (Lambert’s Cove Inn) 90 Manaquayak Road, West Tisbury, for an alcoholic beverage license for retail sale of wine and malt beverages only to patrons in the 70 seat sit down restaurant featuring breakfast, lunch and dinner.”**

We have been neighbors and abutters to the Lambert’s Cove Inn property since its beginning in 1969. In the more than sixty years since then, the Inn has by and large been a good neighbor. However, as part of its expansion since it was classified as a nonconforming use, and in particular associated with the Inn hosting private events such as weddings, the Inn’s patrons have created disturbances especially noise, that has been correlated with the availability of alcoholic drinks.

That the Inn has a restaurant open to the public, that the restaurant has a 70 seat capacity, and that in recent years the Inn has had a license from the town to serve beer and wine, are all expansions of the nonconforming use.

While we are hopeful that the prospective new owners, LCI Hospitality LLC, will be good neighbors, due to our experience in the last few years, we are contacting the board with two concerns and requests related to the application. These are:

1. Despite its prohibition, hard liquor was served at the LCI on multiple occasions since the beer and wine license was issued.

\*\* We would like the Board of Selectmen to make explicit that hard liquor is never allowed to be served at the LCI.

There might appear to be two exceptions to that rule, but in fact, none of them apply in this case:

- **A one-day special license** can be issued by the Town, but not to “any premises that has an alcoholic beverages license.” ([Source: AABC](#))
- **The caterer’s §12C license** is not valid “at a location already licensed to serve alcohol.” ([Source: AABC](#))
- **BYOB:** Mass. ABCC's Chief Investigator has confirmed that a wedding party (say) cannot bring their own alcohol to a private function. It's not allowed. "That's definite. No doubts."

2. Hours : When LCI has served alcohol at private functions, to 11 pm, causing disturbance to us.

\*\* We ask that the town set 10pm, rather than 11pm, as the limit to the hours when alcohol may be served,

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan & John Scherlis